



Proposed Code Change

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Code 45.6.7-09

INSTRUCTIONS:

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(KEY – *Dashed line through material to be deleted, underline material to be added*)

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Code Title IRC 2009		Edition 2009
Section number and title R314.4 Power source.		Page 63
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PROPOSED CODE CHANGE (Check One)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Change to read as follows <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add to read as follows <input type="checkbox"/> Delete and substitute as follows <input type="checkbox"/> Delete without substitution		
R314.4 Exceptions: Add Exception as follows- #3. When adding smoke alarms to those portions of an existing dwelling, smoke alarms may be powered by batteries whose listed expected service life is ten (10) years in lieu of hardwired and interconnected units.		
REASON AND FISCAL IMPACT		
<p>The addition or creation of sleeping rooms to an existing dwelling increases the potential human load to a dwelling. The requirement to not only provide the alarms to the newly added space but to require the balance of the dwelling to be retrofitted with alarms throughout may certainly be prudent. However, requiring those alarms to be hardwired and interconnected can be extremely difficult and costly to complete in many existing dwelling structural configurations. This change would allow the use of high quality, ten(10) year long life battery operated units to provide proven detection.</p> <p>The adoption of this change will encourage the retrofitting and upgrading of existing residential structures when appropriate. By their very nature, additions built to today's codes will add sustaining dwelling value, neighborhood value and safety to an otherwise neglected structure or neighborhood. The reduction of costs by recognizing the proven safety and reliability of long life smoke detectors used under specific circumstances will encourage needed improvements.</p>		
REVIEW RECOMMENDATION		
Approve		
Disapprove		
Approve as amended		
Further Study		